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REPRESENTATIVE TO SECRETARY GENERAL ON SPAIN

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 10 FROM
MEXICAN PERMREP GARCIA ROBLES TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL. LETTER
WAS CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT A/10296. MEXICAN PERMREP'S
LETTER OF 29 SEPTEMBER AND THE ANNEX TO IT ARE APPENDED TO
THE MOST RECENT LETTER.

QUOTE

LETTER DATED 10 OCTOBER 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
MEXICO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED DOCUMENT A/10288, REPRODUCING A LETTER DATED
7 OCTOBER 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGIME IN
SPAIN HEADED BY GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO, ON WHICH I DEEM
IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE REGIME IN QUESTION
SHOULD TRY TO COVER ITS FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER BY INVOKING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 7,
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OF THE CHARTER. THE REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN MAKING FUTILE

ATTEMPTS TO DO LIKEWISE FOR THE LAST THREE DECADES.
IT WOULD BE POINTLESS TO ENTER INTO POLEMICS ON THE SUBJECT.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITSELF WILL BE GOING INTO THIS POINT VERY SHORTLY
WHEN IT TAKES UP THE MATTER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN
ON 29 SEPTEMBER 1975, FORMALLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION
OF RAISING IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE AND WHICH
IT HAS DESCRIBED AS "THE EXECUTIONS JUST CARRIED OUT IN SPAIN AFTER
SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAKE A MOCKERY OF ORDERLY JUDICIAL PRACTICES AND CLEARLY CONSTITUTE INFRINGEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS" (A/C.3/637).

2. IT IS NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL
"REJECTED" THE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO
THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1975 (S/11831).
ON THE CONTRARY, THE COUNCIL TOOK GREAT CARE TO MAKE
IT CLEAR THAT, WHILE IT HAD REACHED A CONSENSUS ON THE PROCEDURAL ASPECT, IT HAD DONE SO "WITHOUT PREJUDGING IN ANY MANNER THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER RAISED IN THE MESSAGE." MOREOVER,
THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (S/11843
OF 3 OCTOBER 1975), WHICH OBTAINED A CONSENSUS OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL, ENDS WITH THE EXPRESS STATEMENT THAT, IF THE
GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO SO DESIRES, IT MAY CHOOSE "ANY OTHER UNITED
NATIONS PROCEDURE WHICH IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AIMS PURSUED." SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE NOT
ONLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE BUT ABSURD IF THE COUNCIL HAD THOUGHT
THAT THE MATTER SUBMITTED TO IT WAS ONE "ESSENTIALLY WITHIN THE
DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE", SO THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 7, THE UNITED NATIONS LACKED
COMPETENCE TO CONSIDER IT.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE LETTER TO WHICH THESE
COMMENTS RELATE MAKES A PROMINENT REFERENCE TO THE LETTER
REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENT S/11835 OF 29 SEPTEMBER, WHICH WAS FILLED
WITH MALEVOLENT AND SLANDEROUS INSINUATIONS AGAINST THE
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, I FIND MYSELF OBLIGED TO REQUEST
YOU TO ARRANGE FOR THE REPRODUCTION AS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DOCUMENT, ALONG WITH THE PRESENT LETTER, OF DOCUMENT S/11836 OF
30 SEPTEMBER, IN WHICH I REPLIED TO THE ONE CIRCULATED IN
THE EARLIER DOCUMENT MENTIONED ABOVE.
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ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED) ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES
AMBASSADOR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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